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Tree Board Meeting

March 6, 2012

The City of Newton Tree Board met on Wednesday, March 6, 2012 for its meeting at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

TREE BOARD MEETING: A motion was made and the minutes were unanimously approved.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Sandra Waters reported that the staff installed all (8) eight Tree City USA signs at the various locations.
 - a. Hwy. 16 @ Retirement Center
 - b. Hwy. 10 West – Startown Road @ Daycare
 - c. Hwy. 321 Business – Southside Park Bridge
 - d. Startown Road @ Horse Farm
 - e. Peoples Bank in North Newton
 - f. Below Bassett @ new intersection/one – 22nd Street
 - g. Hwy. #321 Business @ KFC
 - h. Intersection Mt. Olive and new Hwy. 16She asked members to visit sites and make recommendation if needed to be changed.
- B.** Doyle Wyant reported that (11) eleven Leyland Cypress trees were planted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will complete this project.
- C.** Arbor Day Program will be held April 21st at the First United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., Citywide Clean-up starts at 8:30 a.m. the same day. Sandra asked if the Tree Board could help with the clean-up starting @ 8:30 a.m. in the Recreation Center, then go to the church at 10:00 a.m. for the Arbor Day presentation. Mary Yoder attended the meeting to ask if the Tree Board would agree to plant a Dogwood tree to replace the one that died @ the church; this would be planted in the grass beside the parking lot at the Church for Arbor Day.
- D.** Mary Yoder was recommended to take Tom Dixon's place on our Tree City Committee.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Chairman told committee that the application was approved for the 2nd year in a row naming Newton a Tree City USA.
- B.** Tom & Doyle lead the discussion on the Pecan tree in the lot behind City Hall and Police Department. After some discussion it was agreed and approved by the committee that the tree needs to be removed.
- C.** The Tree Board members discussed removing trees (Leyland Cypress) at Eastview Cemetery because they have grown out over the road and on other businesses property. This will have to get approved from the City Council.
- D.** Sandra gave out handouts from the Arbor Day Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m., next meeting will be held May 1, 2012; we will select officers for 2012 – 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Bolick, Secretary